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Applicant: Ashkenazi et al. Docket No.: 39780-2730P1C33
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For: **SECRETED AND TRANSMEMBRANE POLYPEPTIDES AND
NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME**

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

MS: AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on March 23, 2004 in connection with the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments, and consider the following arguments. This response is timely filed within the shortened statutory period set for the response. Attached herewith are a Declaration by Paul Polakis, Ph.D., a Declaration by Avi Ashkenazi, Ph.D., and articles by (i) Orntoft *et al.*, (ii) Hyman *et al.*, (iii) Pollack *et al.*, and (iv) Hanna and Mornin.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.